

Low Carbon Development Strategy 2030
Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee (MSSC)
Summary of Meeting held on 25th April, 2023

The sixth meeting of the Multi-Stakeholder Steering Committee (MSSC) of the Low Carbon Development Strategy (LCDS) 2030 was held on 25th April, 2023 at the Office of the President. A summary of

Updates were provided on the LCDS 2030 Parliamentary Resolution which was passed by Guyana's National Assembly on August 8, 2022. Additionally, plans are being finalised to facilitate the training requests made by the National Toshias' Council on the LCDS 2030. The Meeting was informed that the LCDS team consulted with the NTC and plans are in place for a 'training of trainers' session to be conducted.

Further, Ministries of the Government and Agencies at sector level were engaged as part of the LCDS 2030 consultations, to inform the planning actions for Budget 2023 for LCDS programme areas. Consultations were aimed at mainstreaming the LCDS 2030 programme areas within the national budgetary process.

The LCDS Team provided an overview of plans and policy positions developed, to guide Guyana's participation at the upcoming meeting of the UNFCCC (COP 27). A presentation was made on specific country positions regarding adaptation and mitigation that will be put forward at the Meeting. Members were updated that COP 27 will build upon COP 26 and will seek to advance commitments from the Glasgow Pact into action. Guyana will pay particular attention to the pledges regarding the 'just transition', Article 6, loss and damage, adaptation, and finance.

Several follow up actions were agreed to from the MSSC meeting, including the conducting of sessions aimed at the building of capacity of the NTC, and particularly focusing on implementation areas of LCDS 2030 at this stage, so that the NTC could be able to respond to the needs at the regional level for the areas that they represent. These would include: benefits sharing (15% of total earnings from the sale of carbon credits); the concept, aims, and development process (consultations) of the LCDS 2030.

Members discussed the status of ongoing project include those on ICT and hinterland agriculture development. Information was provided on two major projects regarding the climate-smart housing which will focus on rainwater harvesting and electricity generation via solar photovoltaic systems. Members were informed that the latter project is currently being expanded to 30,000 units. Further, Members were informed of a hinterland housing programme which was launched and will provide the opportunity for Indigenous communities to supply the building materials such as wood and blocks/bricks. An update was also provided on the Hinterland ICT Project and Members were informed that the project, which is at the halfway mark, has requested an extension for completion of the planned 200 ICT Hubs at Community level.

The next MSSC meeting is planned for first quarter 2023.